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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A connector, whereof a portion of a housing protrudes, and wherefor an electrical connection and mechanical fixation is achieved by said protruding portion being housed within a recessed portion of an opposing connector, characterized by:

the housing having a fixing portion fixed to a board, and wherein said protruding portion is movable, and wherein the fixing portion and the protruding portion are separate from each other;

said protruding portion being supported by the housing fixing portion via contact portions; ~~and~~

said protruding portion having first stoppers that come into contact with the contact portions thereby stopping said protruding portion when the connector is inserted in the opposing connector; and

said contact portions having second stoppers that come into contact with the ~~housing~~ fixing portion when the fixing portion is moved in a direction away from the opposing connector thereby stopping said protruding portion when the connector is removed from the opposing connector.

2. (Cancelled)

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3. (Previously presented) A connector recited in Claim 1, characterized in that the contact portions are exposed on one surface or both surfaces of the protruding portion, and have touching portions that electrically connect to an opposing connector.

4. (Previously presented) A connector recited in Claim 1, characterized in that the contact portions are aligned in a zigzag manner.

5. (Previously presented) A connector recited in Claim 3, characterized in that the first stoppers are formed in the housing, restricting the movement of the protruding portion in both the insertion and removal directions of the connector.